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1894-174 (81841.0043)

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In re application of:

Robert J. Mattila

Serial No: 09/594,331 ✓

Filed: June 15, 2000

For: METHOD FOR TRANSPORTING  
AND STORING MULTIPLE  
REAGENT PACKS

Art Unit: 1743

Examiner: Bex, Kathryn P.

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AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 11, 2002, please amend the above-referenced application as follows:

IN THE DRAWING:

Please amend Figure 10 as indicated on red on the attached copy.

IN THE CLAIMS:

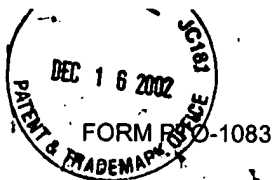
Please replace the text of claims 1 and 9 with the following text:

1. (Amended) A transporting and storing system used in conjunction with an immunodiagnostic instrument, comprising:

- a. a multiplicity of reagent packs, each having an elongated body with at least one well, the elongated body having thickness that is sufficient to accommodate said well and a slim profile with a middle portion, a front

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Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

- ☐ Small entity status has been claimed. See 37 CFR § 1.27.
- ☐ A certified copy of \_\_\_ Patent Application No. \_\_\_ filed \_\_\_ from which priority is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119 is enclosed.
- ☐ A Notice Of Change Of Attorney's Address and Associate Power Of Attorney is enclosed.
- ☒ No additional fee is required.

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TOTAL CLAIMS FEE	21	-	21 **	0	LG=\$18 SM=\$9	\$ [FEE] \$ 0
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS FEE	5	-	5 ***	0	LG=\$84 SM=\$42	\$ [FEE] \$ 0
FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS					LARGE ENTITY FEE = \$280 SMALL ENTITY FEE = \$140	\$ [FEE]
TOTAL						\$ 0

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- ☐ A check in the amount of \$ \_\_\_ 0 \_\_\_ to cover the additional claims fee is enclosed. A copy of this sheet is enclosed.
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  - ☒ Any filing fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 for the presentation of extra claims
  - ☒ Any patent application processing fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17

Respectfully submitted,  
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